

The Michigan Autism Council



AUTISM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lewis Cass Building

Friday, February 24, 2017

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION
Diane Heinzelman, Chairperson	Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Intermediate School Districts and Local Schools
Amy Matthews, Vice-Chairperson	Grand Valley State University, State-funded Initiatives
Stacie Rulison, Secretary	ASD Community (Parent)
Colleen Allen	Autism Alliance of Michigan, Non-profit Organization serving those with ASD
Mary Chaliman	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Krista Clancy	Wayne State University, State Universities
Karin Gyger	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services
Elizabeth Kowal, M.D.	Helen DeVos Center, Medical Centers/ Health Care Providers
George Mellos, M.D.	Hawthorn Center, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Christopher Pinter	Bay-Arenac Community Mental Health Service Plan, Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans
COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED	ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION
Anthony Ianni	Michigan Department of Civil Rights, ASD Community (Self-advocate)
Joanne Winkelman	Michigan Department of Education
MDHHS STAFF PRESENT	MDHHS ORGANIZATION
Brie Elsasser	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Section
James Grant	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Section
Lisa Grost	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Section
Kara Hart	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Section
Rachel Rick	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Section
Suzanne Howell	Michigan Rehabilitation Services
Angela Minicuci	External Relations and Communications Administration
GUESTS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
William Beecroft, M.D.	Blue Care Network
Angie Kankula	Michigan State University

CALL TO ORDER

The Autism Council meeting was called to order by Chair Diane Heinzelman at 9:00 A.M. A quorum was present for the meeting.

ROLL CALL

A roll call of Council members, MDHHS staff, and guests was completed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Chair Diane Heinzelman called for a **MOTION** to approve the December minutes. Stacie Rulison made a **MOTION** to approve the December minutes. George Mellos **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION** carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

MDHHS & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- 298 Update
 - Christopher Pinter reported that there were 42 complete financial models from various groups submitted. There is an online survey requesting public feedback for recommendations to legislature.
- Behavior Analyst Licensing
 - Lisa Grost reported that the BCBA Licensing Board is being developed and the Governors' office is taking recommendations. The board is slated to be in place by April 2017.

Integrative Care

- Certificate of Need
 - Continuum of Care Discussion
 - Beth Nagel presented and reported that the applications for beds aligned with the RFP. There was further discussion about the need for children's beds in the state, and CMHSPs possible lack of understanding contract requirements. Chair Diane Heinzelman called for a motion for Christopher Pinter to develop CMH obligation document, including contract requirements. Dr. Kowal made motion for the development of the document. Dr. Mellos seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - CON Draft Discussion:
 - Council provided feedback to Beth Nagel on the document and requested that she add more specific information related to CMH and autism programs, and add to the BCBA requirement that they have experience in significant and challenging behaviors. These changes will be sent to the council for further review following edits.
- Blue Care Network Pilot:
 - Dr. William Beecroft presented on the Blue Care Network Pilot, which consists of a partnership between Blue Care Network and 3 CMH entities. The pilot was deemed clinically successful but partnership with CMHSPs was found to be too difficult. BCN is in the process of finalizing contracts with private providers willing to administer the treatment model

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Autism Resources and Dissemination:
 - Angela Minicuci presented two documents developed by the MDHHS Office of Communications to replace the Early Childhood Committee's family and provider resources. Their office will continue to update autism council documents, as well as updating the Autism Program website so it is in compliance with the ADA's guidelines. Once the documents and website has been updated, a ListServ will be created to help disseminate these resources.
- Adequate Provider Network comparison to CON
 - Karin Gyger reported DIFS has not received any complaints on the availability of psychiatric beds from any consumers.

- DIFS Consumer Rights Awareness Campaign
 - Karin Gyger reported DIFS is currently developing videos for the public to utilize about how to educate consumers on their rights and to recognize their needs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Delivery of Special Education Services
 - Diane Heinzelman gave an overview of the different school systems throughout Michigan and how special education services are approved, delivered, and utilized in these schools.

STANDING REPORTS

No standing reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 P.M. The next Autism Council meeting will be on ***April 28, 2017*** in the **Lewis Cass 5th floor Large Conference Room**.

ACTION ITEMS

- PIHP and CMH Director's meeting to discuss hospitalization and treatment requirements
- Chair Diane Heinzelman called for a motion for Christopher Pinter to develop CMH obligation document, including contract requirements. Dr. Kowal made motion for the development of the document. Dr. Mellos seconded the motion. The motion carried.